

Specialization

Shimer's comprehensive interdisciplinary general curriculum (you may go over that again) doesn't mean that opportunity for specialization or pre-professional training is lost. One third of your time is devoted to concentration in one of the major areas or in some specialty such as pre-med or pre-law, theater, literature or public service.

The Classes

All of Shimer's classes are discussions. And the classrooms are designed for that—students and instructor seated around a big table, discussing and sharing the major ideas of mankind. Each student's voice counts. Each student has the right and obligation to confront the wisdom and knowledge of the ages (including your own) with his own questions and analyses.

The Books

The books are scarcely ever textbooks. Instead, we read the original writers from Aristotle and Sophocles right up to Einstein and Tennessee Williams. The latest good books on practically any subject are only the last remarks in a long conversation (which probably started with the Greeks). And you can't really understand those last remarks unless you're in on the conversation from the beginning.

Early Entrance

Because we feel that the Shimer method is particularly stimulating and effective, and because we have found that many high school students are working below their capacity to learn, Shimer has for more than twenty years admitted many students before they complete high school. These early entrants fit right in with everyone else, and most go on to graduate school.



The Campus

Shimer is a quiet, tree-shaded campus with all the ivy-covered walls and columned buildings colleges are supposed to have. We're part of a picturesque small town that looks like an MGM movie set right on the edge of rolling hills that slope away to the Mississippi a few miles west. It's a place to be quiet, to find yourself, to work and grow. A place to walk, canoe on the river and participate in the life of a genuine community of campus and town.

Chicago/Oxford

But Chicago is an easy drive away. And we operate trips for urban seminars and to the museums and the opera. We also have a program at Oxford, with a combination of our own courses from Shimer instructors and British-style tutorials from our Oxford tutors. With London and the Continent nearby, it makes for a smashing year abroad.

Tuition/Fees/Financial Aid

Costs for each semester are: \$1450 tuition, \$550 room-and-board, and \$90 student service fees, twice that for the year. *Shimer College guarantees that your tuition charge of \$2900 a year will not be raised so long as you are continuously enrolled as a full-time student.*

You may be eligible for a Shimer College Academic Scholarship which is awarded for academic excellence rather than financial need. One half (\$1450) of the annual tuition is remitted if you (1) have a high school average of B+ (3.5) plus (2) an ACT composite score of 25 or an SAT total score of 1480. One quarter (\$575) of the annual tuition is remitted if you have an ACT composite score of 30 or an SAT total score of 1500, but your high school average is below B+.

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We've told you here just a little about ourselves. There's a whole lot more. If you think we might be your alternative, return the enclosed card and we'll contact you promptly. Or call the Admissions Office (collect) at 815/244-7515.

At least maybe the next time you see the word Shimer, something will come to mind besides . . .

We also have financial assistance based on need. The College expects to meet the need of an admitted student (determined from the Parent's Confidential Statement) by a combination of scholarship, work grant, and loan.